



**Inland Waterways Conference
Cincinnati, Ohio
March 1 – 2, 2001**

January 10, 2001

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

We cordially invite you to attend the annual U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Coast Guard Inland Waterways Conference to be held on March 1-2, 2001. This year's joint session will be held at the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, located in downtown Cincinnati, Ohio, at the corner of Fifth and Elm Streets.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and U.S. Coast Guard will share the conference agenda on Thursday, March 1, and Friday, March 2. This Inland Waterways Conference will provide a forum on waterway infrastructure and navigation issues, and an avenue to exchange needed information on issues of mutual concern to the inland marine community, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and the U.S. Coast Guard.

The dawn of a new millennium and a changing national landscape make this an exceptional opportunity to meet with the Corps of Engineers and Coast Guard leaders and navigation industry representatives face to face. We recognize you as among our primary customers and request your personal feedback on how we support you. We want to hear your concerns and views so that we can better meet your needs. We encourage you to attend and actively participate.

The meeting agenda is being developed and will be available on the Army Corps of Engineers web site: <http://www.lrd.usace.army.mil/op/navigation.htm> and on the Coast Guard web site: <http://www.uscg.mil/d8/Divs/M/ccgd8m.htm>

This year our industry partner, B.B. Riverboats, Inc., is coordinating the meeting arrangements. In the accompanying packet, please find a meeting registration form and a separate hotel reservation form for the Hyatt Regency Cincinnati. You will also find an information sheet on the meeting arrangements and a list of invited guests.

Suggestions for additional topics and general comments should be directed to Dr. Joe E. Svirbely, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Point of Contact at (513) 684-3029 or email joe.e.svirbely@lrdor.usace.army.mil. Suggestions and comments regarding the Coast Guard agenda items should be directed to Captain Ronald J. Morris, U.S. Coast Guard Point of Contact at (504) 589-3647 or email rjmorris@d8.uscg.mil

We look forward to an enjoyable and productive Inland Waterways Conference on March 1-2, 2001 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Sincerely,

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